Potenziani Minor in Constitutional Studies

Interdisciplinary Minor in Constitutional Studies (MCTS)

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Students interested in the Constitutional Studies minor should consider enrolling in ***Constitutionalism, Law & Politics*** *– POLS 30661 | CNST 50001– the minor's gateway class.*

Overview

For constitutional governments to secure the common good, thoughtful and educated citizens must possess certain virtues; they must understand and be able to implement, defend, and, if need be, reform constitutional institutions. The Constitutional Studies minor seeks to nurture such citizens, thereby contributing to the University's mission to pursue truth and to nurture a concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.

Building on courses across the College of Arts and Letters and the Law School, the Constitutional Studies minor is designed to encourage students to confront fundamental questions concerning justice, the rule of law, and human flourishing. From a variety of historical, cultural, disciplinary, and philosophical perspectives, constitutional studies courses ask questions such as:

- What is the proper relationship between government and civil society, between law and moral principles?
- What are the philosophical foundations of human rights and constitutional democracy?
- What principles of justice can or should lie at the foundation of a constitutional republic?
- What are the proper relationships between church and state and religion and politics, and how do these relationships reflect the more basic relationship between faith and reason?
- What are the moral, social, and political conditions necessary to sustain America's experiment in constitutional government?
- What is the nature of international law and how are international norms created and maintained?

Constitutional Studies minors receive invitations to participate in extracurricular events associated with the Potenziani Program in Constitutional Studies, the Tocqueville Program for Inquiry into Religion and Public Life and the Law School's Program in Constitutional Structure.

Constitutional Studies Minor Requirements

The Constitutional Studies minor requires 15 credit hours of class work. Students must complete:

- The minor's gateway course POLS 30661 | CNST 50001, "Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics" (3 credit hours), which addresses core topics in constitutional studies, such as, the history and philosophy of constitutional government and human rights and contemporary constitutional issues in American and international law.
- Three elective courses (total of 9 credit hours)
- Capstone experience (3 credit hours)

Fall 2013
Course List

Courses are subject to change, upon Director's approval

Elective courses are grouped into four clusters:

Constitutionalism: History and Philosophy

The American Founding and American Constitutional History

Comparative Constitutionalism and International Law

Constitutional Government and Public Policy

These categories focus on the great political and constitutional debates in American and world history and on the underlying principles of constitutional government – natural and civil rights, social contract theory, the market economy, voluntary associations, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and the rule of law.

Classes are grouped by general topic of focus, however students are not limited to just one focus area.

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Required Gateway Course:

CNST 50001	POLS 30661	Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics

American Founding & American Constitutional History

HIST 10600		US History Since 1877
HIST 30604	CNST 30003	US Civil War Era
HIST 30640	CNST 30004	Law& Religion in US History
LAW 70837*		American Legal History
POLS 20100	CNST 20002	American Politics
POLS 30060	CNST 30002	Constitutional Law
POLS 30663	CNST 30005	American Regime

Comparitive Constitutionalism & International Law

LAW 70417*		Intro into Int'l Human Righs Law
LAW 73304*		Religious Freedom
MELC 20070	CNST 20201	Introduction to Islamic Civilization
POLS 20400	CNST 20200	World Politics/Comparative Politics
POLS 30222	CNST 30211	Int'l Criminal Justice
POLS 30224	CNST 30212	Comparative Law

Constitutional Government & Public Policy

CST 33001		Catholic Social Teaching
ECON 40362		Monetary Policy
LAW 73844*		Faith, Morality & Law
PHIL 20602	CNST 20400	Medical Ethics
POLS 30662	CNST 30403	Religion, the State
POLS 40061	CNST 40401	Constitutional Interpretation
SOC 43479	CNST 43400	Int'l Migration & Human Rights

Constitutionalism: History and Philosophy

CLAS 10010		Ancient Greece and Rome
CLAS 20205	CNST 20603	The History of Ancient Rome
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ECON 30220		Marxian Economics
ECON 33201		Topics in Political Economy
HIST 30410	CNST 30604	Tudor England: Politics and Honor
HIST 30450	CNST 30605	France: From Old Regime…
LAW 70815*		Jurisprudence
LAW 73835*		Medieval Legal History Seminar
LAW 70834*		Morality & the Law
LAW 73809*		Social/Pol/Legal Thought of Aquinas
PHIL 20408		Philosophy of Law
POLS 20600	CNST 20602	Political Theory
POLS 30656	CNST 30606	Human Rights and Human Wrongs

*graduate courses require approval